

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (currently amended) A method, comprising: ~~for generating a request by a first device to retrieve information relating to at least one data store, characterized by~~  
generating ~~said a~~ request at a user terminal device for retrieving information stored in at least one data store in another device,  
transmitting said generated request to said other device; and  
applying retrieved information to configure one or more applications executable at said user terminal device to enable said applications accessing said at least one data store to obtain data of at least one content type therefrom,  
wherein said request by comprises:  
at least one data store descriptor suitable for characterizing said at least one data store, said at least one data store descriptor identifying at least one content type of data stored in said at least one data store; and  
a command for instructing said other ~~a second~~ device to identify at least one data store matching ~~with~~ said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information;  
and  
~~transmitting said generated request to said second device.~~
2. (currently amended) A The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein said generating comprises:  
identifying said at least one data store descriptor to be coded.

3. (currently amended) ~~A-~~The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said at least one data store descriptor comprises at least one data type descriptor relating to at least one data content type.

4. (currently amended) ~~A-~~The method according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said data type descriptor is a ~~MIME~~-multipurpose Internet mail extension content type definition.

5. (currently amended) ~~A-~~The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said retrieved information relating to said at least one data store includes an address information for enabling access to ~~accessing~~ said at least one data store.

6. (currently amended) ~~A-~~The method according to claim 1, wherein said request is based on the synchronization markup language (~~Syn~~eML)-protocol.

7. (currently amended) ~~A-~~The method according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said command of said request is a modified ALERT command having a specific ALERT CODE and ~~including~~includes a META element containing a TYPE element for defining said at least one data store descriptor.

8. (withdrawn) A method for generating a response by a second device containing information relating to at least one data store in response to receiving a request for information of said at least one data store from a first device via a communication network, characterized by:

- identifying at least one data store matching with at least one data store descriptor included in said received request;
- in case said at least one data store matches with said at least one data store descriptor:

retrieving information relating to said at least one identified data store from said at least one identified data store;

- in case no data store matches with said at least one data store descriptor:  
generating information relating to said at least one data store descriptor  
informing about said unsuccessfully matching;
- generating said response including said information; and
- transmitting said generated response to said first device.

9. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, characterized in that said request is a request according to claim 1.

10. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, characterized in that said at least one data store descriptor comprises at least one data type descriptor relating to at least one data content type.

11. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, characterized in that said information relating to said at least one data store includes address information for enabling said first device to access said at least one data store.

12. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 8, wherein said response is based on the synchronization markup language (SyncML) protocol.

13. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 12, characterized in that said response includes at least one STATUS element including a SOURCE element including an address information of said at least one identified data store, wherein said address information is coded as a sequence including at least one of a uniform resource identifier (URI) and a uniform resource name (URN).

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A computer program product ~~for handling data store related information, wherein said computer program product comprises program code sections stored on a~~ comprising a computer readable medium for storing program code thereon, for carrying out the method of claim 1, when said computer program product is executed on a computer, a user terminal or a network device said program code comprising:

instructions for generating a request at a user terminal device for retrieving information stored in at least one data store in another device,

instructions for transmitting said generated request to said other device, and

instructions for applying said retrieved information to configure one or more applications executable at said user terminal device to enable said applications accessing said at least one identified data store to obtain data of at least one content type therefrom,

wherein said request comprises:

at least one data store descriptor suitable for characterizing said at least one data store, said at least one data store descriptor identifying at least one content type of data stored in said at least one data store; and

a command for instructing said other device to identify at least one data store matching said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information.

17. (currently amended) A user terminal device ~~for generating a request to retrieve information relating to at least one data store,~~ comprising:

a request generating component for generating ~~said a request~~ for retrieving  
information stored in at least one data store in another device; and  
a network interface for transmitting said request to said other ~~a second~~ device;  
and  
a processor for applying said retrieved information to configure one or more  
applications executable at said user terminal device to enable said applications  
accessing said at least one identified data store to obtain data of at least one content  
type therefrom; ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein said request generating component ~~additionally~~ comprises:  
a component for including at least one data store descriptor ~~into in~~ said request,  
said descriptor being suitable for characterizing said at least one data store and  
identifying at least one content type of data stored in said at least one data store; and  
a component for including a command into said request, ~~wherein~~ said command  
is adapted for instructing said second other device to identify at least one data store in  
accordance with said at least one data store descriptor, to retrieve information relating  
to said at least one identified data store and to return said retrieved information.

18. (cancelled)

19. (withdrawn) A device for generating a response containing information relating to at  
least one data store in response to receiving a request for information of said at least  
one data store from a first device, comprising:

- a network interface for receiving said request and for transmitting said response;
- and a response generating component for generating said response characterized  
by
  - a component for identifying at least one data store matching with at least one  
data store descriptor included in said received request;

- a component for retrieving information relating to said at least one identified data store; and
- a component for including said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store, said component being comprised in said response generating component.

20. (withdrawn) A device according to claim 19, wherein said device is adapted to perform the method according to claim 8.

21. (new) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

retrieving data stored on said at least one identified data store using said one or more configured applications executed on said user terminal device in a subsequent process.

22. (new) The method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieved information relating to said at least one identified data store includes at least one of access control information, access right information, data store preferences and data store properties.